STATE OF NEW JERSEY
Office of the Attorney General
Department of Law and Public Safety
Division of Gaming Enforcement
Dkt No. 11-1452-VC

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY,	)
DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT,	)
Petitioner,	) ORDER
v.	)
TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY CORP. d/b/a TROPICANA CASINO and RESORT,	) ) )
Respondent .	) )

The Division, by Complaint filed November 2, 2011, Docket No. 11-1452-VC, sought sanctions against Tropicana Atlantic City Corp. ("Tropicana") for reasons set forth therein and, more specifically that, on two occasions it failed to notify its surveillance department that an emergency slot cash storage box would be utilized as required; and

Having considered the relevant provisions of the Casino Control Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 5:12-1 et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

Having considered the Stipulation of Settlement which the parties entered into to and executed by the parties; and

Having found sufficient legal and factual support for the recommended penalty

therein.

I hereby ORDER that the settlement be adopted and that a civil penalty in the

amount of \$2,500 be imposed upon the Respondent, payable to the Casino Revenue

Fund upon receipt of an invoice from the Division.

Dated: September 17, 2012

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT DOCKET NO.: 11-1452-VC

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, DIVISION OF GAMING ENFORCEMENT.

Complainant,

TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY CORP. d/b/a TROPICANA CASINO and RESORT,

Respondent.

Civil Action

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

The matters involved in the above-captioned action, having been discussed by and between the parties involved, Jeffery S. Chiesa, Attorney General of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Gaming Enforcement ("Division"), by R. Lane Stebbins, Deputy Attorney General, and TROPICANA ATLANTIC CITY CORP. d/b/a TROPICANA CASINO and RESORT ("Tropicana"),

Respondent, by Tama B. Hughes, Esq., Counsel for Respondent, and said matters having been resolved, it is hereby consented to and agreed by and between the parties.

### PRELIMINARY FACTS

- Respondent, Tropicana is a New Jersey enterprise having its principal place of business located at Brighton and The Boardwalk, Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401.
- 2. Tropicana is the holder of a casino license issued by the Casino Control Commission ("Commission") on or about November 10, 2010. At all times relevant herein, Tropicana was authorized to conduct casino gaming within its casino hotel facility.

### <u>APPLICABLE LAW</u>

- 3. N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.42(a) provides, in pertinent part, that:
  - 1. Prior to emptying or removing any slot drop bucket, slot drop box or slot cash storage box, a casino licensee shall notify the surveillance department of the transportation route that will be utilized.
- 4. N.J.A.C. 19:45-1.10(b) provides, in pertinent part, that:

The CCTV system shall be approved .... and shall include, but need not be limited to, the following 1. Light sensitive cameras, with lenses of sufficient magnification to allow the operator to read information on gaming chips, playing cards, dice, tiles, slot machine reel symbols and slot machine credit meters,

on gaming chips, playing cards, dice, tiles, slot machine reel symbols and slot machine credit meters, and with 360 degree pan, tilt and zoom capabilities ..... to effectively and clandestinely monitor in detail and from various vantage points, the following:

vii The movement and storage of cash, gaming chips and plaques, drop boxes, bill validator boxes, slot cash storage boxes, slot drop boxes and slot drop buckets in the establishment

5. Tropicana's Security Submission, as pertains to Emergency Slot Cash Storage Procedures provides, in pertinent part, that:

If an Emergency Slot Cash Storage Box is needed at a Bill validator location, a Slot Department Representative will contact the Slot Technician and the Security Department. Upon receiving notification, the Security Supervisor will notify .... the Surveillance Department...

# **ALLEGATION AND ADMISSIONS**

- 6. The Division, by Complaint filed November 2, 2011, Docket No. 11-1452-VC, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", sought sanctions against Tropicana for reasons set forth therein and, more specifically that Tropicana, on two occasions, failed to notify its surveillance department that an emergency slot cash storage box would be utilized as required by N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.42(a).
- 7. Respondent Tropicana acknowledges the accuracy of the facts set forth in Paragraph 6, *supra*.

### PRIOR REGULATORY HISTORY OF THE LICENSEE

8. Tropicana has not been the subject of prior regulatory action involving the utilization of emergency slot cash storage boxes.

## **Corrective Action Of The Licensee And Mitigating Factors**

9. Tropicana has both counseled and trained Security personnel with regard to Emergency Table Drops and Bill Validator pick-ups procedures.

### **Settlement Agreement**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED AND STIPULATED by and between the parties hereto that:

- A. The facts stated herein are true and accurate.
- B. Respondent Tropicana, admits that it violated the provisions of the Act and the regulations, specifically N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.42(a), in that, on two occasions, it failed to notify its surveillance department that an emergency slot cash storage box would be utilized.
- C. For the violations admitted in Paragraphs B, *supra.*, Respondent, Tropicana, shall pay to the New Jersey Casino Revenue Fund, as a civil penalty pursuant N.J.S.A. 5:12-129(5), and in recognition of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 5:12-130, the sum of \$2,500.

D. The parties agree that a monetary penalty, in the total amount of \$2,500 is just and equitable and in accordance with the criteria set forth in N.J.S.A. 5:12-130, and shall be in full and final settlement of the allegations set forth in the above-captioned complaint.

The undersigned consent to the form and entry of the above Stipulation.

R. Lane Stebbins

**Deputy Attorney General** 

Attorney for Complainant

Tama B. Hughes, Esq., Counsel for Respondent

Tropicana Atlantic City Corp.

d/b/a Tropicana Casino and Resort